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In the Matter of the Application of: Ikeda et al.

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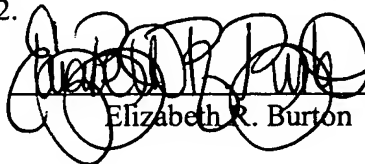
For: **Card Connector**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action mailed July 25, 2002, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 25, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following:

B1
A card connector having a lock member that engages with a card. It is constructed so that when a card is forcefully removed while in a locked state, neither the card nor the lock member is damaged. When a cutout of the card is engaged by the lock member, a free end portion of the